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June 5, 2023

Dear Grant County Commissioners Stone, Jones, and Carter,

First and foremost, the Port of Royal Slope Commissioners and myself, would like to thank you for awarding the Port of Royal Slope \$268,500.00 SIP Grant No. 2022-04 for the Well #3 Project with an expiration date of June 6, 2023. This is a big help for the Port with our 20% matching funds for the \$3,306,000.00 project and is a requirement to apply for the EDA's grant.

The Port of Royal Slope is requesting a six-month extension. There was a huge delay updating our System for Awards Management (SAM) Registration (UEI and Cage#).

The Port of Royal Slope's SAM Registration was in good standing but hadn't been used in a number of years. As a result, several things needed to be updated such as the administrator, since Cathy Potter had retired, and our address, as we had moved. Apparently, it was too much for their system to change more than one thing at a time. In nine months, I have submitted four notarized letters. It would take from one to four months to get a response on each letter. The SAM help desk told me to apply for a new SAM Registration, which seemed like a reasonable solution, but it created issues in their system with our PO Box address being used as our physical address. This new SAM Registration was never approved. However, it took time to delete.

Last week the System for Awards Management finally verified we are the Port of Royal Slope, Grant County Port District No. 2, not Grant, County of. They have restored our original registration. I never imagined it could take so long.

This delay resulted in missing the deadline for the EDA grant. I have since found the updated grant for the EDA. The EDA changed the application format and the website to apply. I am working on tailoring the information from the old application to the new application.

The Port of Royal Slope has one person in the office to manage special projects and the normal day-to-day operations.

I appreciate your patience, understanding, and your consideration of a six-month extension.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Port of Royal Slope





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November 8, 2022

Board of Grant County Commissioners  
P. O. Box 37  
Ephrata, WA 98837

Subject: October 2022  
Advisory Committee – Project Review/Recommendations

Dear Commissioners:

The SIP Committee met Friday, November 4th and reviewed 5 project applications. Committee members present for the meeting were Corinne Isaak, Curt Morris, Scott Hunter, Chuck Allan and Brant Mayo. Absent was Tony Massa.

**SIP #2022-04: Port of Royal Slope (requested \$537,600 grant)**  
**Install Well #3 in Port**

**Recommendation:** The committee voted to recommend a \$268,800 grant (with a 6 month timeline) for the Port of Royal Slope regarding their need for the development and installation of a third well for the Port, its tenets and for future growth. The Port of Royal Slope will use this grant for matching funds to receive additional monies used to close the gap on this project. The SIP Committee thought there was enough "other" fund available for the reduction of half of Port of Royal Slopes ask, that is how we came up with the amount. The reason for the 6 month timeline is, if the Port of Royal Slope is not successful in attracting EDA, CERB or other funding in 6 month, we would like those funds available for future projects in Grant County. The committee views this as a vital step for the continued operations and sustainability for the Port of Royal Slope and their future expansion.

**SIP #2022-05: McKay Healthcare (requested \$521,000 grant)**  
**Feasibility Study/Capital Needs Assessment/Architecture and Engineering Planning**

**Recommendation:** The committee voted to recommend a \$21,000 grant for McKay Healthcare to conduct a feasibility study and capital needs assessment. The committee like this project and would be willing to consider additional funds down the road. The committee wanted to see the results of the feasibility study and capital needs assessment before recommending any additional funds at this time. The committee understands the need for this project and fully supports it.

**SIP #2022-06: Port of Mattawa (requested \$400,000 grant)**  
**Wastewater Expansion- Phase 4**

**Recommendation:** The committee voted to recommend a \$200,00 grant and a \$200,000 loan for the Port of Mattawa regarding their need for the development and installation of an extension of wastewater line to accommodate the potential growth of the businesses, especially wine crushing facilities in Mattawa. The committee recommended half of the funds in a loan because they felt the Port of Mattawa and their businesses could pay back some of the funds needed for this project. This is a much needed project for the growth of the current businesses and future wastewater users. This will also add employment to the Mattawa area. The committee is excited about this project!

**SIP #2022-07:** Port of Quincy (requested 300,000 grant)  
Intermodal Yard Container Expansion

**Recommendation:** The committee voted to recommend a \$300,000 grant. The SIP Committee has voted to recommend this project 2 other times. The Port of Quincy submitted again at our request once the Grant County Comprehensive Plan was updated. We believe this is an important project for the growth of the intermodal yard. The committee is once again recommending it.

**SIP #2022-08:** Port of Quincy (requested \$353,000 grant)  
Industrial Park 5 (George) Water Main Extension

**Recommendation:** The committee voted to recommend a \$353,000 grant for the Port of Quincy regarding their need for the water main extension into Industrial Park 5, located off I-90 in George. Completion of this project will provide potable water to be delivered to the park for current and future businesses. This will create and estimated 50 FTE in the next 1-3 years. The SIP Committee feels this project fits the funds and we are excited to support it.

The recommendations were given a motion by Scott Hunter and seconded by Corrine Isaak. The remaining committee voted in unanimous favor of recommendation.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the recommendations of the committee.

Sincerely,

Brant Mayo  
Administrator  
Grant County SIP Advisory Committee